STATE of WISCONSIN



Proclamation

WHEREAS; for generations, folks from every corner of the globe have chosen to make the United States and Wisconsin their home, helping to form and fundamentally enrich the unique and diverse character of the state and nation; and

WHEREAS; immigrants have been leaders in the struggle for social justice throughout the nation's history, advocating for not only their own rights and access to opportunities but campaigning for a fairer and more just society for all; and

WHEREAS; in Wisconsin and throughout the United States, immigrants continue to support and start businesses, create jobs, and play a critical role in innovating and strengthening both the workforce and economy; and

WHEREAS; despite the important and unique social, economic, and cultural contributions made by immigrants over the past 200 years, the role of immigrants in building and enriching the nation has been frequently overlooked and undervalued, and ignorance, racism, and xenophobia continue to fuel anti-immigrant sentiment to this day; and

WHEREAS; During Immigrant Heritage Month, Wisconsinites are reminded of the state's shared values of kindness, empathy, respect, and compassion, that diversity makes the state stronger, not weaker, and that immigrants are a fundamental part of the fabric of the state; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in rejecting all forms of hate and prejudice against immigrants and in celebrating the innumerable contributions that immigrants have made and continue to make to communities, the state, and the nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim June 2023 as

IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 31st day of May 2023.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI Secretary of State